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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CONSTRUCTION OF FERTILIZER FACILITIES

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 9938, (B) MOSCOW 9509, (C) STATE 95710

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY JUDGMENT THAT DELEGATION IN EXCESS OF TEN NOW PRECLUDED BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONTINUED STRONG EFFORTS TO SECURE APPROVAL 10 MEMBER DELEGATION STRESSING OUR BELIEF THAT SOVIETS' AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO AIDE-MEMOIRE EX-10 CONSTITUTED APPROVAL OF THAT PROPOSED MAXIMUM DELEGATION SIZE. SOVIETS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THE HIGH-LEVEL NATURE OF THE DELEGATION WOULD MAKE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN SIZE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED ITINERARY CONTAINED IN AYKAZYAN-LOEBNER LETTER OF JUNE 23 WITH THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER OMISSION OF KINGISEPP FROM ITINERARY SINCE THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PHOSPHATE ROCK PRODUCTION. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE STRONG PITCH FOR KINGISEPP VISIT BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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AS FALL BACK CAN EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT OTHER SITE TO OBSERVE PHOSPHATE ROCK PRODUCTION IF IT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF ITINERARY. DEPARTMENT OBSERVES THAT UNLESS KINGISEPP VISIT REINSTATED, ITINERARY

OFFERED BY SOVIETS FROM LATE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY (AUG. 26-28) APPEARS SOLELY TOURISTIC. IN ADDITION PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY AUGUST 26 DEFINED ONLY AS QUOTE VISITS TO VARIOUS COMPLEXES IN MOSCOW OBLAST UNQUOTE REQUIRES CLARIFICATION. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THESE HIGH-LEVEL EXECUTIVES WILL NOT TAKE THAT MUCH TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES UNLESS IT APPEARS ACTIVITIES WILL BE PRODUCTIVE.

3. WE FIND FIRST PART OF ITINERARY, PERIOD AUGUST 17-25 ESSENTIALLY SATISFACTORY BUT REQUEST TWO ADDITIONS WITHIN IT. (A) WE WOULD APPRECIATE SCHEDULING OF VISIT TO A LARGE FARM TO OBSERVE FERTILIZER APPLICATION. IN REFTEL (C) WE HAD OBSERVED THAT THE THREE DAYS OF FARM VISITS IN THE INITIAL SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS MORE THAN REQUIRED, BUT WE DID NOT INTEND TO LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT NO FARM VISIT WAS DESIRED; (B) DELEGATION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE REGIONAL WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILIZERS.

4. DELEGATION PLANS ARRIVE MOSCOW AUGUST 17 BUT IS UNCERTAIN AUGUST 29 DEPARTURE PLANS IN VIEW OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE NON-SUBSTANTIVE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MUCH OF VISIT'S SECOND WEEK. KISSINGER

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